Special Social Schemes for Widows of Weaker Sections

†2328. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no special social schemes in the country for the widows belonging to the weaker sections of the society;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any special schemes for the widows of this section of the society; and

(d) if so, the details of the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is no special social scheme for the widows belonging to the weaker sections of the society in the Ministry. The main reason is that the existing schemes cover all the underprivileged and disadvantaged sections of the society including widows.

(c) and (d) No such proposal is under consideration in the Ministry.

Exclusion of Marathi Community of Northern Kerala From SC/ST List

2329. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any recommendation from the Government of Kerala regarding exclusion of Marathi Community residing in the Northern Kerala from the SC/ST list;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Marathi Community living in Karnataka continue to be included in the SC/ST list;

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(d) if so, whether the community living in Kerala has made any significant improvement in their socio-economic standard compared to their counterpart in Karnataka;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action Government have taken on the State Government's recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) Proposals for inclusion in and exclusion from the list of Scheduled Tribes from various States including Kerala have been received. All these proposals have been processed as per approved modalities. The details of these proposals are treated as secret till the presentation of a Bill in the Parliament.

(c) Marathi Community of South Kanara district only has been notified as Scheduled Tribe in Karnataka.

(d) and (e) The list of Scheduled Tribes is State specific. Communities are included in or excluded from the list of Scheduled Tribes based on their socio-economic and educational conditions, which vary from State to State.

(f) The recommendations of the State Governments including Kerala have been processed in accordance with the modalities approved for deciding such cases.

Centrally-sponsored programmes for upliftment of Tribals

2330. SHRI C.O. POULOSE:
PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the Centrally-sponsored programmes of his Ministry being implemented in various States for the upliftment of tribals;

(b) the amount of funds allocated to the States under these programmes for the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the States have spent the same within the stipulated time; and